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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 5, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 5-21 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nilsson (U.S. Patent No. 6,138,678).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

1. Extension of Time

A separate petition for an extension of time of two (2) months up to and including July 7, 2008, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with authorization to charge the appropriate fee for a large entity of \$460, is enclosed herewith.

It is believed these fees are correct; however, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1429.